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### ***Rural Development in the United States: Connecting Theory, Practice, and Possibilities***

William A. Galston and Karen J. Baehler. Island Press: Washington, DC, 1995, 354 pages. ISBN 1-55963-326-3 (paperback) \$42.00. To order, call (800) 828-1302.

*Rural Development in the United States* is intended for academics, economic development practitioners, and policymakers. Galston and Baehler assert that "... it is impossible to understand the current problems or future prospects of rural America in isolation from national and global trends" (p. 265). In addition, they think that an interdisciplinary approach is needed in analyzing rural development issues.

The first section focuses on rural development background and economic development theoretical issues: the conceptual framework, the economic process, and the political strategy. Covered is a discussion of Third World economic development and the implications for U.S. rural development. The second section discusses the U.S. rural economy by sector. Included are chapters on natural resources, manufacturing, services, tourism, the elderly, high technology, and telecommunications. Each chapter provides the national and international context, the situation in rural areas, and economic development strategies. Quality of jobs is discussed as well. *Rural Development in the United States* contains extensive endnotes and bibliography.

### ***Making Sense of Qualitative Data***

Amanda Coffey and Paul Atkinson. Sage Publications: Thousand Oaks, CA, 1996, 206 pages. ISBN 0-8039-7052-8 (hardcover) \$42.00. ISBN 0-8039-7053-6 (softcover) \$18.95. To order, call (805) 499-0721.

*Making Sense of Qualitative Data* offers practical advice on ways of analyzing qualitative data. Coffey and Atkinson, sociologists, wrote this book for those in sociology, anthropology, communications, management, and education. Their intent is not to prescribe methods, for there are many ways of analyzing qualitative data, but to present general guidelines for research. They discuss organizing data, narrative as data, dealing with meanings and metaphors, writing up the research, generalizing the data, and

going beyond the data to develop ideas. In addition, there is a chapter on computer-aided analysis, which discusses hypertext and hypermedia. The authors provide numerous examples. The examples are from data collected in interviews with graduate students in social anthropology in several academic departments in the United Kingdom. Each chapter has suggestions for further reading, and the book includes an extensive bibliography.

### ***Of Heart and Mind: Social Policy Essays in Honor of Sar A. Levitan***

Garth Mangum and Stephen Mangum, editors. W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research: Kalamazoo, MI, 1996. 413 pages. ISBN 0-88099-171-2 (paperback) \$20.00. ISBN 0-88099-172-0 (cloth) \$30.00. To order, call (616) 343-4330.

*Of Heart and Mind* pays tribute to Sar A. Levitan, 1914-1994. During Levitan's long career as an economist, he produced over 50 books, 70 monographs, and hundreds of articles and government reports. He held several government positions, including Chair of the National Commission on Employment and Unemployment Statistics during the Carter Administration. More important than the quantity of his work was the nature of his life and work. His was "... a life centered on public policy and built on an unwavering belief that humankind is basically and inherently good, and that all can rise to accomplishment and prosperity given adequate opportunity and reasonable incentive" (p. 2). His career was spent promoting and evaluating Federal programs concerning poverty, manpower, training, child care, and employment. In recent years, he called himself the "last liberal in Washington."

*Of Heart and Mind* contains 17 essays by 25 authors. Among them are essays on vocational education (David Stevens), contingent work (Audrey Freedman), minimum-wage policy (Stephen E. Baldwin and Robert S. Goldfarb), programs for at-risk youth (Susan P. Curnan, Alan Melchior, and Alan Zucherman), and welfare reform (Irene Lurie and Colletta Moser). One chapter by Garth Mangum is on "The Life and Times of Sar A. Levitan." Also included are photographs and a bibliography of Levitan's work.